

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

RODERICK COOPER, 180136,  
DON MARTIN, #184335,

Plaintiffs,

**V.**

LOUIS BOYD, et al.,

**Defendants.**

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:05-CV-981-T

# AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Arnold M. Holt, who being known to me, and being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says under oath as follows:

My name is Arnold M. Holt, and I am presently employed as a Correctional Warden III, with the Alabama Department of Corrections, Bullock County Correctional Facility, Post Office Box 5107, Union Springs, AL 36089. I am over twenty-one (21) years of age.

Inmate Cooper was transferred from here, 8-17-04, to the Limestone Correctional Facility (LCF), and he has not since then been moved. He is suing from that transfer, and he claims several wrongs were done to him relative to the transfer. He claims I, Warden III Arnold M. Holt, wanted him to identify officers who imported drugs and other contraband to Bullock Correctional Facility (BCF), but he did not, and that is why he was transferred. He claims I have put into his file this memo, "Do not return to Bullock—



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Inmates too familiar with staff and administration.” But, he says he wants to return to BCF.

Cooper claims officers and inmates of every prison know each other from the streets, but that familiarity has not caused the transfers of all such inmates.

Cooper claims I “targeted” him and have barred his return to the BCF “because of (his) race.”

See my first attachment: the Form N 258, on which the Director of Classification, “PW,” ordered Cooper’s transfer, 11 August 2004, with this comment, “This can happen only if staff allows it!,” thus endorsing my effort to mitigate a potential harm by requesting Cooper’s removal from BCF. I saw potential harm to BCF because I believe Cooper is too familiar with our staff. The Classification Director agreed to not allow Cooper further opportunity to exploit his familiarity with the BCF Staff, and so Cooper was removed.

Cooper complains a cause for his transfer is race. Race is no cause for transfer. It was no cause for his transfer.

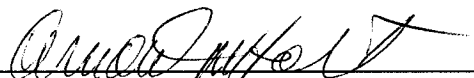
Cooper argues in his amended complaint “that if (I) was gonna transfer (him)... because the fact that (he) knew the officer that worked inside the institution, then (he was) discriminated against because in nearly each and every institution in the state, there are some officers, and inmates that knew each other from the streets... (but, nevertheless) at several institutions there are immediate family members that work, and (are employed there with their family members who) are housed at the same institute...”

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My answer is, though there may be employees working where acquaintances are confined, I must try to remove an acquaintance who I believe may endanger my prison's security, and to relieve that potential harm that I particularly believe exists, is the cause for such a transfer.

See my two other attachments: the Inmate Interview Record Form B of C 400, recording LCF staff business about and with Cooper, from 8-17-04 through 9-27-05; and, Cooper's Progress Review Form, dated February 25, 2005.

The Form 400 entries of 3-23-05 and 4-8-05, by Olson, report Cooper's desire to return to the BCF and the report that I oppose his return here. Deputy Warden Wise, of LCF, did not speak with me, but he did with my staff. It is true I believe Cooper should not return to BCF because I believe it is good, true information that he is too familiar with our BCF staff. My staff would have told Deputy Warden Wise that.

  
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Arnold M. Holt, Correctional Warden III  
Bullock County Correctional Facility

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STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF BULLOCK)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me and given under my hand and official seal

on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2005.

Justine B. Le...  
NOTARY PUBLIC


My Commission Expires: 2-12-1-2009.

SEAL

**AFFIDAVIT**

My name is Melissa Olson . I am presently employed as a Classification Specialist with the Alabama Dept. of Corrections, Limestone Correctional Facility, Harvest, Alabama. I am over nineteen (19) years of age.

The attached documents are true and accurate copies from the inmate Institutional File of Inmates Roderrick Cooper AIS # 180136.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dianne Sisk", written over a horizontal line.

Dianne Sisk, Notary

My commission expires \_July24, 2006

ALABAMA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
INMATE INTERVIEW RECORD

COOPER	RODERICK	180136	B	M	01/03/1977
NAME: Last	First	Middle	Serial No	Race	Sex
					DOB: M/D/Y

**USE OF FORM:** Each interview summary should contain the following material as appropriate: topics discussed; recommendations made by counselor; decisions made by inmate; progress noted or other observations of counselor. All inmates must be advised during the initial interview of the nature and extent of confidentiality in the counseling relationship. Each entry must be dated and signed by the counselor.

**NOTE:** NO PART OF THIS RECORD IS TO BE DUPLICATED OR EXTRACTED, EITHER IN FACT OR IN SUBSTANCE, WITHOUT THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE INMATE NAMED ABOVE.

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## ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - PROGRESS REVIEW FORM - FEBRUARY 25, 2005

COU122)  
 AIS #: 001801363 SSN: 423-06-5911 RACE/SEX: B/M DATE OF BIRTH: 01/03/1977  
 NAME: COOPER, RODERICK CUSTODY: MED9 SECURITY LEVEL: 4  
 INST: LIMESTONE CORRECTIONAL CENTER TIME SRVD: 11Y06M03 LAST DISC: 03/19/2003  
 CRME: RAPE I 4EN REL DT: 08/23/2018 ACTIVE DET: 0

DISC: POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND PRL CONS: 05/01/2004 EDUCAT LEV: 09

WL/PGM: Kitchen PRIM OCCUR: COOK

RECOMMENDED INSTITUTION: ~~Alabama State Prison~~ Limestone CF RECOMMENDED CUSTODY: Med.

JUSTIFICATION: APR: Subject serving on 25 year total term for Rape I. He and 6 co-defs surrounded victim's car. Victim was forcibly removed from the car and dragged away, by subject and four co-defs while her boyfriend was detained by the other two co-defs, who robbed him. Psych intake recommended ABE, trade, reality therapy, sexual adjustment, self-concept. He has completed reality, anger mgmt, two TA classes/courses, pers. dev., stress mgmt, domestic violence course, 12-week indecent exposure course, 6-month CB SAP. ~~He has a two year clear record.~~ He has a two year clear record.

DNA: 2/2/95. Religion: Christian. DL: # Unknown No known enemies.

No known physical limitations. No change due to nature of transfer to LCF from Bullock/.

CERTIFY ENEMY LIST WAS REVIEWED AND UPDATED: 3/21/05 BY: Ward APP: S/L: Ward

CLASSIFICATION SPECIALIST: Melina D. Scott 04/08/05 WARDEN OF DEPARTMENT: Ward 4/8/05  
 PSYCHOLOGIST/PSYCHOLOGIST'S ASSOC. DATE: 4/8/05 CLASSIFICATION COORDINATOR DATE: 4/8/05

## CENTRAL REVIEW BOARD ACTION

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED; DIVERTED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS: \_\_\_\_\_

CRB MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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CRB MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL DECISION: INST LCF CUSTODY MED DATE 04/08/05

DATE INMATE INFORMED: 04/11/05 INMATE'S SIGNATURE: Forgot to obtain

Last: 3/04 APR(Bullock), med., SL IV.

ENTERED  
 4-12-05

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**SOCIAL SERVICE ACTION**

NAME Roderick Cooper AIS 1801365 R & S B/M  
INSTITUTION BCF CUSTODY Me

ACTION: Rescind: \_\_\_\_\_

Amend: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer: From: BCF To: (LCC)

Custody: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON(S) Due to lengthy guarant. + unknown  
Duration no xfer request done - (S) is  
Cocal inmate (Macon) too familiar  
w/ (staff) security has reg. xfer  
NKE this can happen only  
if staff allows it  
MSB(120)



DATE: 11 Aug 01

APPROVED: [Signature]